GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTITUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States are yet to constitute Human Right Commission in their respective States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government and National Human Right Commission have instructed the State to constitute Human Rights Commission;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the concerned States; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to set up Human Rights Commission in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRIAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttarakhand are yet to set up Human Rights Commissions in their States. For the State of Bihar, although a notification regarding the setting up of State Human Rights Commission has been issued, the appointment of Chairperson and Members is yet to be done.

(c) to (e): The Central Government has issued advisories from time to time to all those States which have not set up State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) to set up SHRC at the earliest.

The National Human Rights Commission has also impressed upon all those States which have not set up States Human Rights Commission.

The reasons advanced by the States which have not set up SHRC, inter-alia, are constraints of funds and due to lesser number of complaints of human rights violations which do not justify setting up of a full-fledged SHRC in their respective States. However, the Central Government is still pursuing the matter with the States, which have not set up the SHRCs.